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Four of the six leaders clash this week!

## JUVENTUS, HELLAS GEO. CROSS AND WILHELMINA IN DUELS AT

## THE PARK

By MORRIE BUCKNER

*Crowd records for soccer headquarters should be smashed when four of the six tightly-bunched State League leaders, with only three points separating first and sixth, meet each other at Olympic Park this weekend.*

Leader Juventus (19 points) meets South Melbourne-Hellas (17) on Saturday, and Wilhelmina (18) tangles with George Cross (16) on Sunday.

Both of these games should be rousing crowd-pleasers.

Last Saturday, Hellas reversed an earlier 1-2 loss to Wilhelmina in one of the hardest, fastest, and closest

matches seen in Melbourne this year. Juventus marked the return of ace centre-forward Frank Barbazza after a

seven-week absence with a wrist injury by thrashing Melbourne 10-1. Barbazza celebrated with five of the Zebras' ten goals! And George Cross lost narrowly to Hakoah, 2-3, without being disgraced.

Picking two winners out of these four will trouble the tipsters.

Hellas' newly-imported 19-year-old forward, Boulis Kamboropoulos, gave a brilliant display of ball control and distribution last week, and now the club's only trouble seems to be in selecting a team from the abundance of talent on its books.

Any club which can field a winning team against top sides and still have players of the calibre of Kourkoulakis, Salabassides, Tsolakis, and Penzo twiddling their thumbs on the sidelines is in a very happy position.

### TOO FAST?

If Hellas reproduces last week's form, its attack may be too fast and tricky even for the undeniably sound defence fielded regularly by the Zebras.

But Griggs, Barbon, Kenny and Bressan know how to assist Frangione, Patterson and Bukkos in closing up the danger area against speedy movement.

Coach Manny Poulakakis may have some ideas on this problem and he's bound to tell his six-man attack — Pappadopoulos, Hatzeloftheriou, Kamboropoulos, Margarites, Smith and Bedford — what to do about it.

### PROPOSITION

At the other end, goal-getters Barbazza, Acunzo and Biro will find Xanthopoulos, Mantarakis and Kaligeros a vastly different proposition to the defence which they chopped to pieces last week.

Hellas could win this, but so narrowly that Juventus could hold its league lead on goal-percentage. It would have to win 2-0 to take the lead — and that would still depend on whether Wilhelmina loses to George Cross or not.



OVER THE BAR

## ANOTHER GREEK PLAYER ARRIVES

A 28-year-old trainer coach and centre-forward arrived in Melbourne on the Fairsa on Sunday looking for a game of soccer. He is John Praestakis.

John is staying with his brother, Evans Praestakis, a former South Melbourne — Hellas Reserves player, who lives at 34 Regent St, Ascot Vale. John has been playing with the Cairo Hellenic Soccer Club in Egypt.

He has represented Greece in Egypt eight times and has been playing First Division soccer.

John was met by Hellas supporters on Sunday and he is expected to sign for the Greek club later this season.

## OPERATION FORWARD

• We continue our Operation Forward series with "Another War is Brewing" on Page 2.  
• Don't miss next Thursday's Soccer Weekly for another Operation Forward feature. Order your copy now from all leading newsagents — your best buy in Soccer.

## BEERENDONK TO RETURN HOME

Wilhelmina may soon be without the services of Leo Beerendonk, their brilliant winger.

Leo, who is not far short of being the complete footballer, plans to return to Holland with his wife shortly.

This could be a blow to the championship chasing Dutchmen, who, although well blessed with good reserves, owe a lot to Beerendonk for their present high position.

## END OF 1962 TRANSFERS

No more transfers of players will take place after June 28. All signings must end on June 30.

• BRILLIANT South Melbourne-Hellas goalie Karpousas jumps high and tips the ball over the bar in the thrilling State League match against Wilhelmina at Middle Park on Saturday.

Wilhelmina's Mike de Bruyckere is tense as he watches the outcome.

The large crowd of more than 5000 saw one of the best games of soccer ever played at Middle Park. Let's hope there'll be many more like this thriller, won by Hellas 2-1, before the 1962 season ends.

—Photo by Soccer Weekly photographer Uwe Kuesner.

## FOCUS ON OPINION

WE HAVE been requested to publish the following as an open letter, and the writer states that he would also like any reply to be published, or he would be very willing to appear with Mr Barr on any medium he desires.

VIC MANSON, secretary, Melbourne Soccer Club — "Dear Alex, I don't mind your scathing attacks on clubs, institutions, federations, and what have you, for while they cannot always be agreed with, that is your opinion and we can always have a laugh if nothing else.

However, last week you indulged in a misinformed attack on a young player appearing in his second game. Did you see him concede 10 goals? Have you ever seen him? No!

Does it mean that if a goalkeeper lets in a bagful of goals, he's no good? Here are a few examples: 1930-31, Sheffield Wed. 9, Birmingham 1. Goalkeeper, Harry Hibbs. 24 times capped for England and regarded by many as the best ever.

1931-32, Bolton W. 8, Liverpool 1. Goalkeeper, Elisha Scott. 31 times capped for Ireland.

1954-55, Birmingham 9, Sunderland 1. Goalkeeper, Willie Fraser. 2 caps for Scotland.

1957-58, Preston 8, Birmingham 0. Goalkeeper, Gilbert Merrick. 23 caps for England.

In addition, Bert Pearson of West Bromwick Albion, who played for England and was considered good enough to keep goal in two cup finals at Wembley, twice let in 10 goals in his career, v Port Vale in 1929 and v Stoke City in 1936.

All my facts are correct. I don't claim that Frank Broome of Aston Villa, Derby County, Notts County, Brentford and Crewe Alexandra, ever played for Arsenal or that he had any more than seven caps for England.

If Clive Smith had been responsible for 10 goals, I say go ahead, say he's no good although even Harry Hibbs could have been responsible for every one of Wednesday's nine back in 1931.

A lot of people who were there say that Smith was responsible directly for no more than two goals.

Come off it, Alex, give a young player a chance, and before you write him off give people far more qualified than you at least the chance to drop him to the reserves.

Save your more biting stuff for people who can answer back, let them have the benefit of your rapier-like wit, they'll still read you and listen and watch, for they will still have no choice."

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Sicilia v Croatia	( )
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Continuing Soccer's operation forward campaign, Fred Villiers says-

# THERE'S ANOTHER WAR BREWING

WITH THE Federation-Association controversy now a chapter for the history books, another soccer war is on. The fight to establish our code in State schools.

I say fight because that's exactly what it will be as soccer is "banned" in State schools throughout Victoria.

Have you ever heard of anything so parochial, so barbaric and so ridiculously old-fashioned? If soccer was communist inspired or a nasty incurable disease we would expect such treatment. But it is not. Soccer is recognised everywhere else in the world except here in Melbourne. Why?

Is it because Rules is big business? Or perhaps the fear that a "foreign" code may take over if allowed?

The answer is a definite YES.

And this brings us back to the conflict which is inevitable for all soccer-minded Victorians. We must fight against this anti-soccer existence. With more than 3000 boys registered with the Junior Federation, our boys should be allowed to play the game at school and not forced to play the other code.

Part of the blame rests with the narrow-minded sports masters that exist in this State.

Let the boys choose their own winter sport, and I'm sure the masters would get more out of them during working hours.

How many soccer-minded boys have complained because the round ball is not allowed to roll on their playground? Far too many to recall here.

THAT'S WHY THE FIGHT FOR THE SURVIVAL OF JUNIOR SOCCER MUST START IN THE HOME.

Every parent who receives a complaint from his son that soccer is banned in his school should take it up with the authorities concerned.

But this isn't where it ends. If the parent receives no satisfaction he should go a step further — write to the Press, or see his MP.

Two or three years ago an Australian-born player on the soccer ground in Melbourne was unknown.

Today it's a different story.

We have Johnny Bedford and Teddy Smith of South Melbourne-Hellas, Clive Smith, a former Aussie Rules ruckman, in goal for Melbourne, four players, including the goalie, at Fairfield S.C., and many other fair-dinkum Aussies playing soccer every Saturday.

WHY THEN SHOULD THE KIDS BE STOPPED FROM KICKING THE ROUND BALL IN STATE SCHOOLS?

There's no reason, only an apathy towards a football code that is foreign to Melbourne sports masters because they want it to be that way.

That's why there's another war brewing in soccer. It's the fight for the survival of the juniors.

We must have them to kick the game on in future years and our opposition knows it.

Our survival in the schools depends on you, you and YOU!

Make sure you play YOUR part.

## HAKOAH BRINGS HOME THE BACON

Hakoah again brought home the bacon by beating George Cross 3-2 to prove once more that a team that plays a game to the full 90 minutes can produce winning results.

Fortunes swung both ways before Hakoah settled the result with a final goal in the 75th minute to knock George Cross out of the top four and place themselves into it.

Hakoah started off by dashing down the field and blasting in a couple of shots that rocked the Maltese defence. Only a brilliant diving header by Freddie Falzon flicked the ball onto the crossbar to rebound safely away stopped a certain goal.

In the 10th minute Hakoah made no mistake when Haynes scored with a good one from close to 20 yards.

### EQUALISER

George Cross unleashed a series of attacks and were rewarded with the equaliser five minutes later. A perfect corner kick by left-winger Copeland gave right-winger Gibb a chance to head home a goal.

George Cross's longest service player, Tommy Trinder, was playing well at centre-forward, with Binnie and Terry roving for loose balls.

A hard cross centre saw Trinder jump high to head strongly towards goal, the ball beat goalie Mannerling and smacked against the crossbar to rebound towards the covering Hakoah defenders. Rogers in trying to clear the ball from a yard or two in front of goal hit the ball into the net to give George Cross a 2-1 lead.

### HARASSED

Hakoah attacks had slowed down with Hartley dropping back from inside-forward to help his harassed defence.

George Cross chased everything and before half-time looked to have the game safely in their grasp with only the matter of how many goals they would win by, to be added up at the end of the game.

Turning around at the restart Hakoah also turned the mood of the game around with them. Within minutes they pounded the Cross defence and had Muscat, F. Falzon and Sacco kicking away desperately.

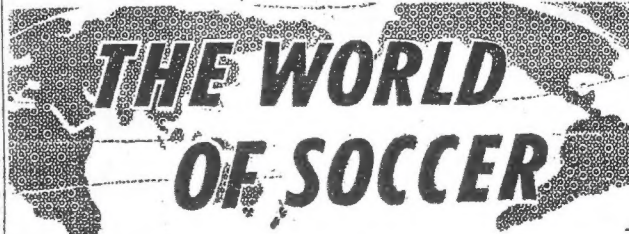
It was outside-right Eric Haynes that started the Hakoah boys on the way to victory when he cut-in from his wing and with a strong shot from 22 yards scored the equaliser.

George Cross, instead of trying to play their way out of trouble, switched players around and relied on big kicks from the defence.

Copeland and Gibb tried solo efforts but the sting had gone from their attacks.

Hakoah's left-wing Seenan found his feet and after beating his opponent square-passed perfectly to McQuillan, who steadied himself and scored the winner with only 15 minutes of play left.

Hakoah still dominated in the closing minutes, fully deserving their victory by taking their opportunities and keeping their nose to the task for the entire length of the game.



THE CAMERA used to be called the magic box. In the Congo they still think men with cameras could be wizards, and that's why photographers are banned from behind the goals at the Leopoldville soccer Derby between Nomades and Dragons. The photographers can take snapshots around the half-way line, but not from the goal area because witchcraft is feared!

THE English Football League is to hold an inquiry regarding the results of two Fourth Division matches over the Easter period which were allegedly "rigged."

RUSSIA is to award gold and silver medals to footballers who have played for their country a minimum of 20 and 10 times.

IPSWICH Town, English League champions, are having difficulty resigning their star centre-forward, Ray Crawford. If the player decides to reject the terms of £40 per week plus bonuses he may go to Arsenal or Everton. Ipswich have signed Bobby Blackwood from Hearts.

RAYMOND KOPA the No. 1 post-war soccer player in France, may have his career brought to a premature end by a

troublesome ankle injury. Kopa, not yet 30, has gained every honor for his club and country except a Cup-Winner's medal. He plays for Rheims.

TWO famous names in naval history — Nelson and Drake. They have also been shipmates ashore in soccer. Jimmy Nelson played for Cardiff City and had three caps for Scotland, while Ted Drake, formerly of Arsenal, played for England five times.

THE referee produced his black book during a Portadown - Glenavon match in Ireland and the culprit was one of the linesmen. The linesman had a difference of opinion with the ref. who promptly demanded his name and address for the book. But the linesman refused.

Now the Irish FA are trying to trace the anonymous official who told the ref. where to get off!

PELE is perfect. A physical and psychological test of the great Brazilian forward has revealed that his football technique is inborn intelligence, above average eyesight, exceptionally acute, and his field of vision distinctly above average.

WE'VE all seen the following happening. A floating ball is going over a full-back's head. The defender, realising he cannot reach the ball, catches it, then waits until his fellow defenders have taken up position before placing the ball for a free-kick. In the Argentine it has been decided that any player guilty of this offence twice in one game will be sent off.

## ELSTERNWICK PARK MATCH ON ABV

Channel 2 will present a direct telecast of the State League soccer match between Juventus and Wilhelmina from Elsternwick Park on Saturday, July 7, at 2.40 p.m.

Commentators will be Alex Barr and Graeme Cope.

## HELLAS HAS NEW STAR

Victorian soccer has acquired a new star—19-year-old Boulis Kamboropoulos. He's a natural. His ball-control and distribution are a tonic. And the winning goal that he scored for Hellas against Wilhelmina last Saturday was scored from an "impossible" angle. He arrived in Melbourne only a few days before the game and didn't even know the names of his team-mates when he took the field, much less their style of play. When he settles in—wow! Watch him against Juventus at Olympic Park next Sunday.

One of Heidelberg's oldest players, Jack Mann, is showing excellent form in the reserves at centre-forward. Jack has played for Heidelberg for many years and has regularly turned out for them.

★ Fiorentina Soccer Club claim a record, that of having four pairs of brothers in the one team. They are Sonsini, Giardina, Cerni and the Cappelletti brothers.

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# GREAT GAME!

By Duncan McDougall

After a month's sojourn in the Newcastle area, where I thoroughly enjoyed watching the refreshing play of such teams as Adamstown, Cessnock and Lake Macquarie, clubs who in my opinion play a brand of soccer superior to most of our teams down here in the south, I viewed our performances down here through very critical eyes.

However, my spirits raised considerably and my faith was partially restored by virtue of that excellent game I saw last week at Middle Park. I still think there's hope for us in Victoria and plenty of room for improvement too!

## Lions v Melbourne

There is very little between these two teams in the way of past performance. After last week's debacle against Juventus, the Hungarians deserve to take many more defeats. Whilst very little blame can be attached to Melbourne's new goalkeeper Smith, the defence in front of him must be held responsible for allowing a keeper to be bombarded so consistently without the benefit of the usual protection.

The defeat might bring home to the Melbourne coach or the responsible selectors that excellent though a man may be at clutching a ball Aussie Rules fashion, that act is only a minute part of a goalkeeper's art.

Melbourne have one of the league's best reserve teams, which is always a sign of strength in any club. Yet it is puzzling how consistently their first eleven fail to come up to standard.

Some of their players are among Melbourne's best exponents of class soccer — as it should be played — but it is apparent they are not permitted to use their natural talents to the best advantage.

Lions have struggled all year and will be very lucky to hold a place in the State League next year. They appear capable of taking points from disjointed combinations, but will get very little change out of the top four teams of the moment.

Melbourne are not in the top four, however, and this week at Port Melbourne the Lions, through the efforts of Landherr, Voight, Watson and Kneifel, may be able to grab another vital point.

## Croat v J.U.S.T.

The Yugoslavs have always been prone to dropping points at the most awkward times. Last week's drawn game with Lions — a team not up to State League standard —

and the previous week's disjointed effort against Juventus forces me to believe that with all their star imports J.U.S.T. are not playing as well as they did in the opening games.

Croat, now under the direction of the former J.U.S.T. captain Peter Vidovic, can knock J.U.S.T. off their game, something that is quite easily done these days.

At this critical stage of the season any team with striking distance of the leaders need two points every week, and cannot afford to be knocked off their game if championship hopes are to remain alive.

Croat and Peter Vidovic's determination to win is illustrated by the news that the Croats are making every effort to get the services of former player Romel Bomahac. This wing-half went off to England but has since returned to Darwin, from where Croat will be flying him to Melbourne and a right-half position in their side.

On goal average J.U.S.T. have the league's strongest defence. Some credit for this must rest on the broad shoulders of goalie Jankovic, who recently, and especially against Juventus, was responsible for saving a point.

Unfortunately, the forwards are not in the same class and have suffered all season from constant changes, a fact that is clear to anyone who tallies the number of players used in the J.U.S.T. front-rank since the opening of the season. So many alterations have been made that I'm sure Buha needs only to play in goal to have filled every position.

J.U.S.T.'s recent arrivals are taking a long time to settle. But no doubt will do so given a proper chance. However, at the moment they are well out of touch and until they adopt a more rugged type of play will find their current pretty style useless against players with more all round capabilities of skill and toughness.

This will be another ding-dong battle right from the outset at Elsternwick Park, with the outcome very doubtful, with maybe slight odds on J.U.S.T.

## Hakoah v Slavia

Middle Park should again feature another tense struggle this week in the meeting of Hakoah — in the top three — and

a steadily improving Slavia.

Fresh from a resounding victory over Polonia at the weekend, a result that should give added confidence, Slavia will be flat out to down Hakoah on their home ground and pull themselves definitely clear of the relegation zone.

But for a series of early season injuries Slavia would have undoubtedly reaped the benefit of wise selection and been higher up the table than they are at present.

This will be no easy task as Hakoah at home — and lately abroad too — are tough nuts to crack. Hakoah officials wisely stick to a combination tried and trusted over the seasons, with very few of the irritating weekly team changes that go a long way to upsetting other league sides.

Slavia don't hesitate to use reserves, no matter how young. A policy that could well be copied by some of the once "big" teams now dropping by the wayside.

## Courageous

The young Scot Macrae is a typical example of courageous selection, whether forced or otherwise, and this player could blossom out, with more experience, as one of the top full-backs in the league.

I go for Hakoah to win, but rest assured, neither of these teams drops their bundle and it will be a cut-throat struggle right to the end.

If fit, the redoubtable Glennie will be an automatic inclusion to add to the already strongest feature of the Slavia combine.

Barotajs is on a performance par with Manning in the Hakoah goal, but in the rear division Hakoah's more experienced duo Alexander and Woodward give their side a rearguard advantage.

The last time I saw David of Slavia was at outside-left, and one can only hope he has found his niche at left-back, otherwise he will be in for a confusing afternoon's work against "happy feet" Thomas.

There can be very little between the half lines, where a couple of dour plodding Scotsmen keep a tight rein on all centre-forwards who nourish the idea of matching them physically.

Apart from the fact that Adams should be stop — Billy Cook more effectively than Berry will be able to halt the elusive McQuillan, Hakoah have a decided advantage up front. Here, this department operates more smoothly than the visiting forwards.

I said a few weeks ago that whoever plays against centre-forward Cook will know they've been playing by the end of the game, and in spite of many misses, plus a stupid tendency to run off-side, Cook can get goals.

Depending whether Glennie is fit to play and Cook has an "on-side day" could hinge the result of this game.

## POLONIA v. MORELAND

Polonia took another tumble at the weekend. Although they may not believe it, they are now within striking distance of a quartet of clubs trying desperately to escape the clutches of relegation claws.

However poor Polonia have become, Moreland will not be able to muster sufficient strength to defeat this team that is only a shadow of a once mighty Polonia.

Recently I was critical of Polonia's lack of good reserve power. It is obvious the Polonia officials have made no attempt to alleviate the position.

The buying of ready-made off-the-hook veteran players is a mere short-sighted policy that of importing a single overseas star in the vain hope that one swallow will make a summer.

Moreland have had the injury bug biting at them too, which wouldn't help them in their recent troubles. Reserves must be lacking here also, when that indestructible slide tackling warhorse Eric Heath is forced to don the Moreland jersey once again. But even Eric's contribution failed to stem the now hopeless tide.

Polonia will win this encounter. They just have to, or else the writing that is now faintly on the wall will be standing out in large block neon letters.

There is very little one can say about Moreland being, as they are, sodeep in the doldrums. Information — distribution about their hopes and fears hasn't been one of their strong points.

On that note I would point out that Moreland are the only senior side in any of the State Leagues throughout the Commonwealth so far failing to score a single point. A fact that augurs very bad for them against a worried Polonia.

## "CRIPPLED" SLAVIA SHOCKS POLONIA

by MORRIE BUCKNER

Slavia's scratch team of veterans, reserves and juniors took the field at Olympic Park against Polonia last Sunday, determined to be the "chopper" instead of the "chopping block," and shocked everybody by winning 3-0.

You can sum it up in a paradoxical nutshell — Polonia had all the class but Slavia got all the goals!

Nothing went right for Polonia. But how can things go right when you're playing a bunch of unpredictable hearts like lions?

Just take a look at Slavia's injured list — Glennie, Haasz, Engelberger, Angstenberger, Gross and Krause!

Billy Cook was on that list for six weeks with a bad ankle injury. He was still on the list on Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon, he took the field, and, with smart assistance from Rambousek, Ouderman, Drda and Jarkovic, scored three smart goals!

With the exception of Cook, only goalie Ray Barotajs and pivot John Berry of the "old brigade" were available. And they stood up to the best that Polonia — including Tony and Lolly Vella — had to offer.

Polonia repeated its mistake of playing Vores at left full-back. Vores is NOT a full-back. When players like Drda, Ouderman and Jarkovic tied him in knots, he should have been moved forward.

Tony Vella could have held this dangerous corner — the sector through which Slavia's scoring moves were made.

Winkler, just out of junior football, and Jimmy McCrae were the frustrating "spoilers" at right-half and right full-back.

Polonia had the use of the brisk north wind in the first half, but the score was 0-0 at the interval.

Nine minutes after the turn-around, Slavia led 2-0, then added insult to shock by making it 3-0

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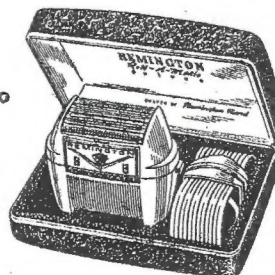
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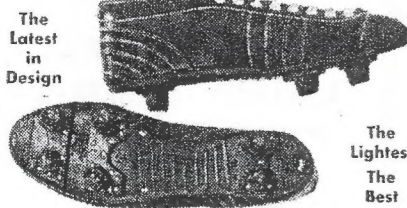
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# Metropolitan round-up

THE next Sandringham dance will be held in the Sandringham Memorial Hall on July 7.

Three juniors showed great promise in the Frankston-Sandringham reserve game recently. In the Frankston team, Henry Surma in goal and Hill at centre-half showed great fighting spirit, while for Sandy Kidakis was constructive at right-half.

Last Saturday's "Supporters Night", at which Makedonia supporters welcomed their new players, was a great success. More clubs should arrange functions for their supporters, as it's a good way to get to know the players.

Coburg left-winger Bill Young has left for South Australia on business, but may be back with the club next year. All Coburg supporters and committeemen wish Bill every success in the future.

T. Price played his first game for Coburg reserves recently, and since has been displaying good form and may soon graduate to the first team.

George Plub, an Englishman, recently transferred from J.U.S.T. to Bayswater, will be an asset to his new club at centre-half for the rest of the season.

Former Heidelberg player Chris Shanahan has made a promising debut for Sicilia at left-wing. Chris has helped to improve the Sicilian forward line and the improvement is obvious after the victory over Fiorentina.

Heidelberg's leading goal-scorers so far this season have been Cziper, Frank Shanahan and Peter Colburn.

Things are on the move at Box Hill. The social committee have bought a set of track suits for the first team and intend to do the same for the reserves. Bill Westerveldt has joined the club from Maccabi and Angus Drennan has left for University. Both these players have represented Australia, and we wish them every success in their new surroundings.

All soccer fans are invited to a weekly dance at the Loscovanos Hall, Smith St, Fitzroy, every Sunday. This dance, organised by Alexander Soccer Club, features a five piece band.

Alexander may be without two of their star players on Saturday. Nanos the right-half and Komaros, right-back, both sustained leg injuries last week and may miss this week's game with Collingwood.

# MET BATTLE IS ON IN EARNEST

By ONLOOKER

With the second half of the season already started, some clubs will have to make determined efforts in future games to resume winning form, otherwise they will be demoted.

I refer mainly to clubs who started the season in a blaze of glory but for some unaccountable reason have slipped away to the stage where they are losing consistently.

## FIRST NORTH

The main clash this week is the Box Hill-Florentina game. Victory for Box Hill will mean that they will gain second place on the ladder and should finish up there at the end of the season. However, as the promotion picture appears settled, prestige only will be gained from a Hillmen victory.

University, dangerously close to the bottom, have a chance to gain a victory against Heidelberg. The Bergs do not appear to be displaying the form shown at the beginning of the season, and will have to improve if they are to remain in this league another year.

In the other matches, Sicilia will test Croatia, but will not be good enough to win, and Sunshine City should overcome Maccabi.

Moonee Ponds, at home to Corio, may just win, while Alexander and Collingwood could play out a draw.

## FIRST SOUTH

Richmond, who are improving as the season progresses, meet Dandenong in what should be the best match of the round. Richmond will have to display their best form, as Dandenong never give in until the final whistle has blown.

Bayswater and Brighton meet in a titanic struggle. Little of importance rests on this game as both are sufficiently far away from either the promotion or relegation zone to worry. However, they have not given up, and will play the game to a finish. Pools fans should pick a victory for Bayswater.

Ferntree Gully have a chance to gain much needed points this week against Trident. If they can pull themselves out of their slump, the Gully boys will win.

In the other games, Sandringham entertain Yallourn and may take points off them, and Austria may be too good for Oakleigh.

## SECOND NORTH

The highlight of this round is the Coburg-Williamstown clash at Coburg. Both teams seem well clear of other teams in the promotion battle, although Libertas with a game in hand could threaten if they continue to win. Coburg's home ground advantage may swing the game their way, but I fancy Williamstown to hold Coburg to a draw.

In other matches top teams are pitted against bottom teams. N/Olympia should win away to WWF, whilst Bendigo at home to St Albans should share the points.

Fast improving Libertas meet Essendon at Fairbairn Park, and

should score a comfortable victory.

In the two remaining games Fairfield should score comfortably at the expense of Seymour, and ICI should boost their goal average against C'wealth Banks.

## SECOND SOUTH

Just past the half-way mark this season the promotion battle has reached fever pitch in the Second South, with seven teams from Ringwood upwards having chances to gain promotion.

In this exciting round several of the top teams meet. Triestina meet a much-improved South Yarra at home and it would not be surprising to see a drawn game result in one of the best clashes of the season.

Supporters would be well advised to see the Kensington-Park Rangers spectacle. Rangers' high-scoring forward line will be pitted against Kensington's sound defence, and the former should win due to greater overall strength.

A middle of the table clash of note is the Ringwood-Moorabbin game. Although Moorabbin's form has been patchy they could beat the sound Ringwood combination.

Prahran at Como Park meet FND and could surprise by forcing a draw against the Navy boys.

Frankston, close to the top, meet second bottom team Sunshine Heights, and should win, to enable them to remain in the promotion battle.

Finally, a bottom of the league clash of interest between Croydon and Rosebud could see the "Buds" open their account against the Mountsiders, but home ground advantage may see a narrow win to Croydon.

# YOUR MATCH REPORTS

## MAKEDONIA-SANDRINGHAM

The battle of Royal Park last Saturday has resulted in a strong protest by Sandringham seeking a replay because of the poor calibre of refereeing. After a keen opening the game degenerated into a series of reportable offences and the Sandringham club were disappointed at the play of the Makedonia team. Referee Flint appeared to lose control of the game and the equalising goal by Makedonia at 50 minutes has been hotly disputed. For Sandringham Bell scored a lucky goal when the ball spun out of the hands of the keeper. Sandringham were the better team for most of the game.

Yarra scored two more goals. Eddie Pearce and Danny Goldie scored two of the Yarra's four goals. BEST: South Yarra (J. Stevenson and T. Arvidson).

## DANDENONG-BAYSWATER

Bayswater were lucky to gain a draw against Dandenong at the Showgrounds. Bayswater, first to score through Heinz Eller, lost the lead at half-time, but fought back in the second half to equalise. However, Dandenong had more of the play in the match. BEST: Bayswater (Hofer, Plumb, Wied).

## ALEXANDER-HEIDELBERG

Ten minutes before the start of play two Alexander players had not arrived owing to the fact that they had lost their way. Alexander had 10 players available and used one from the reserves. During the first 10 minutes Names was injured at right-half. About 30 minutes from the start the referee gave a penalty to Heidelberg which Capeccer converted. After 80 minutes Alexander scored the winning goal. The Heidelberg goalie played a tremendous game for his club and saved many hard shots.

## BOX HILL 3, COLLINGWOOD 2

Box Hill lost the toss and kicked against a very stiff wind. Collingwood were first to score in a goal mouth scrimmage. Georgovic scored from close range.

The wind was playing havoc with the Box Hill defence and a free kick was awarded to Collingwood. From 25 yards out Ivanov scored Collingwood's second goal. It was deflected in to the net when it came off Hunter's head.

At half-time Collingwood had a two goal lead.

On the restart it didn't take Box Hill long to score. Kerski beat two opponents, but was brought down in the penalty area. Keys made no mistake from the spot. Box Hill scored again when Ness sent a good pass through the middle to Roodhouse, who bent Peterson all the way. The score was now two goals each.

With 15 minutes to go Roodhouse scored again when he received a perfect pass from Pirie. With minutes to go Collingwood tried to equalise, but their efforts were all in vain.

Best for Box Hill: McLend, White, Ness. Best for Collingwood: Peterson, Roodhouse.

Full marks must go to referee Mr Farr for doing such a good job.

## ST. ALBANS-COBURG

The uneven conditions did not help Coburg. St. Albans forwards were dangerous as they swung the ball about continually. Coburg attacked and Loughran received a pass on the 18-yard line and Coburg attacked in the second half and Cecil Early scored twice, once in the 58th minute and again in the 75th minute. St. Albans scored in the 85th minute.

## CROATIA-SUNSHINE CITY

With Gulin back in the team, Croatia were at full strength. First goal came after 10 minutes when Gulin passed to P. Basic on the left-wing, who dribbled 20 yards before firing an impossible shot towards goal. Second goal came when Basic headed the ball from a good corner. Sunshine City put up a great fight to keep the unbeaten leaders down to two goals.

## SOUTH YARRA-KENSINGTON

In the first half, South Yarra played all over Kensington and with first time tackling and clearing scored two good goals. Kensington fought back in the second half to score, but South

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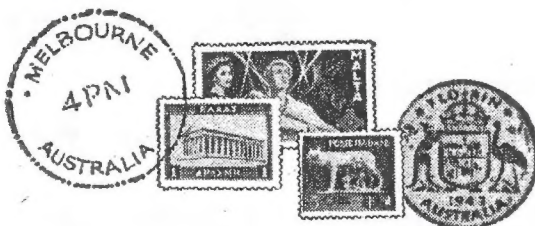
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## DRENNAN JOINS UNIVERSITY

Veteran Box Hill and former Victorian player Angus Drennan has transferred to University in the First Division North. Angus was captain and centre-half of Box Hill this season and will be used as a forward for University.

This move should boost the University attack, which has been lacking a sharpshooter.

University, in last place in the league, are anxious to save face before the end of the season.

With one point separating the six teams on the bottom of the ladder, University will pin their faith in Drennan to save them from the big drop to the Second Division North next year.

FOOTNOTE: Drennan

won the best and fairest award in 1959.

When Bobby McLeish was in hospital recently after breaking his jaw in the match against Alexander, he was visited by Johnny Slade the Alexander goalkeeper.

Johnny was the other player in the collision, and himself was injured around the face, needing several stitches.

Bobby really appreciated this visit and we all applaud a grand example of sportsmanship.

Bayswater, captain Heinz Stiller is in his fifth season with the club without missing a game. He has already played over 90 games in suc-

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# JUNIORS THRASH THE SENIORS

By ALBERT MERRILLS

Brighton Under-18's, in a match against the Senior Reserve Team on Sunday, thrashed them 10-2.

The rot was stopped only when the coach for the Juniors went into goal for the reserves, and now reserve team captain Dennis Munday realises his team is not as good as he thought.

Star of Saturday's games was K. Wrobel, of Ardeer, who scored six of his team's eight goals against Ajax Under-12's, Ajax failing to score.

Although Aspendale under-18's lost to St Albans HASK 5-1 in Saturday's second Cup round, they had only praise for the extra effort put into the game by the sportsmanship, courtesy and refereeing of St Albans.

Aspendale's secretary Mr J. D. Rae feels that with a little more of this spirit junior soccer must prosper.

Moreland State League team has started an Under-16 team in the Zone A. Their first practice was last Saturday and a pleasing turn out of boys gave heart to the Moreland committee, who were reinforced by a senior player who refereed.

## OVERJOYED

Twenty boys attended and they were overjoyed at the thought of playing in a league, which for them starts on Saturday, June 30, with a home game against Ardeer.

The Junior Committee wish Moreland every success in their new venture into true soccer and it is now up to them to complete the list of State teams running juniors.

Bayswater Under-16's held Box Hill to a 1-1 draw in a good game, with the help of newly transferred players, C. Pitch from St. Albans and Dekort from Wilhelmina and 12-year-old R. Imberger.

Bayswater are concentrating on their juniors with an eye to the future.

In a thrilling game Trident Under-16's beat Springvale by 2-1. Both defences were strong and the first half was even, Springvale's goalie, Harry Bradford showed his class by stopping good shots from Trident's centre-forward Hubick and out-side-left Kusznick.

Vale took the lead when B. Zuidhof passed three defenders and his pass to J. van Ess was deflected into goal.

In the second half Trident equalised after 10 minutes by Hubick, who shot in from close range. It looked like the game would finish with a draw, but the best man on the field, goalie Bradford, made one mistake by dropping an easy shot just behind the line.

## FIRST DEFEAT

This was Springvale's first defeat for the season and unfortunately split finish to their hopes of winning the cup.

In the second round of the cup, Sunshine City scored a 4-2 win over S.M. Hellas Under-14's.

South were two goals up in the first 15 minutes through centre-forward Hamilton. Sunshine switched Generutti to outside-right, Wright to right-back, Czerniecki to centre-forward and Perry to inside-right.

## Don Sutherland in Queensland

There is no "Soccer Man's Diary" this week, as Don Sutherland is in Townsville, Queensland, on a business trip. The feature will appear as usual next week.

This change brought almost immediate results and in the 25th and 28th minutes Generutti scored to level the score at 2-2.

Sunshine were now having all the play and South switched Hamilton to centre-half in an effort to curb their opponents' attack.

In the second half Sunshine did most of the attacking and scored two more goals through Czerniecki and Nowak, the latter scoring with a terrific 35 yard drive.

Best for Sunshine: J. Fenech and S. Nowak. South: Davis and Hamilton.

Play was held up three times when the ball went into the lake and had to be retrieved.

Wilhelmina Under-14's had to fight hard to beat Melbourne 3-1. This was a game between two well-balanced teams. Wilhelmina being first to score through T. Atkinson.

With first time kicking and beating their opponents to the ball, they scored their second goal, and at the same time their defence was doing a terrific job holding Melbourne. Half time score 2-0.

On resumption, Atkinson with a solo effort scored Wilhelmina's third goal. For Melbourne, Manson never stopped trying and put on a good display of shooting from all angles being stopped from scoring only by the efforts of the Wilhelmina goalie.

Close to the end, Melbourne scored with a breakaway from one of their many attacks.

## IN THE LAKE

Deer Park ICI Under-12's beat S.M. Hellas 2-0. In a game which was even up to half time, Deer Park eventually got the measure of their opponents and scored the two goals of the match through Mrnjazv and Bell.

Stevenson was best, for South and Bell for Deer Park.

Wesley College Under-18's put up a good fight to hold Melbourne to only a three goal win. They did not allow Melbourne to score until 25 minutes, but Melbourne then got their three goals.

Wesley is a much improved team and in the second half Melbourne were unable to score.

## OFFICIAL NOTES

Disciplinary Committee Sentences:—

Dannau (Slavia Port Melb.), 7 weeks.

Jacharo (Slavia Port Melb.), 7 weeks.

Canuzzo (Slavia Port Melb.), 7 weeks.

Rossetto (Essendon), 4 weeks.

Allsop (Essendon), 12 weeks.

George Cross v Polonia Under-16 game to be replayed.

Trident Juniors acting secretary is Mr L. Tomy, 115 McLaughlin St, Ardeer, who has taken over while the club secretary is in hospital.

Olympia Juniors hold a dance at St. Albans Public Hall on Saturday, July 7. The stars of Polonia State League club will be there and this should be a good evening. Admission 10/- gentlemen, 8/- ladies. All clubs in this area are asked to give their support.

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## SENIORS MUST HELP JUNIORS

All Victorian senior teams will have to field at least one junior side next season.

This was announced by the Federation Junior Management Committee this week.

The Federation Council has told clubs that from next year unless a junior side is formed no senior team's affiliation will be accepted by the Federation.

State League teams will have to carry two junior teams and metropolitan and country teams at least one junior team.

Announcing the junior committee's plans chairman Mr R. S. Harvey, of Ampol Petroleum Ltd, has called a meeting in the Geelong district for July 2.

It will be held at the Corio Club, Separation St, North Geelong.

All Geelong affiliated clubs have been asked to send at least three delegates to discuss the forming of the junior league in Geelong next season.

This is a progressive step by the Victorian Junior Committee to help

## They launched the wrong code!

The Sitmar Shipping Co launched their best and fairest Aussie Rules award with a big party on the Fairsea last weekend — but something went wrong. The chef was told to produce an iced cake in the shape of a football pitch.

The product appeared and there was a scream from the organisers. It was a SOCCER pitch complete with 22 players and goal posts!

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## Trophy for Sunday League chairman

Dr Charles Walker, who was chairman of the Sunday International League for eight of its 10 years, was presented with a silver salver by the participating clubs last

Sunday as a memento of his long service.

The president of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Mr Harry J. Dockery, made the presentation.

Speakers included the chairman of the Federation, Mr Theo Marmaras, the president of George Cross, Mr Lou Debono, the treasurer of the Sunday league, Mr Kurt Defris, the secretary-manager of the Federation, Mr Stuart Beaton, and Mr Nino Borsari.

Others present included Messrs Tony Kovacs, Des Hamilton, Michael Weinstein, John Ivanovic and John D'Andrea.

The plate is suitably inscribed, and the names of all of the participating nations, together with the years in which they won the cup where this was applicable, are engraved around the perimeter of the salver.

Speakers agreed that the Sunday league competition had been a useful and popular one, and they registered its removal from Melbourne's soccer calendar. (See Focus on Opinion).

## IN HONOR OF MR. HIGGINS

Soccer followers all over Victoria will be sorry to hear that Mr T. J. Higgins, of Sunshine City, has been forced to retire because of business pressures.

Mr Higgins has been one of the tireless band of workers for soccer without whom the game couldn't exist.

In recognition of his services Sunshine City are holding a mid-season ball in his honor at the Footscray Town Hall on July 21.

All those interested in making this a bumper occasion, are asked to contact Mr Ron White, at 311-2331.

# HORST ZIELINSKI IN QUEENSLAND

## MATCH POINTS

Horst Zielinski, who at one time had thoughts of going home for a few months, has been sent by his club, George Cross, to sunny Cairns, in Queensland, for a five-week holiday to give his leg as much rest as possible. Horst is due to have the plaster removed from his broken leg at the end of that time. Horst and the many thousands of George Cross fans are hoping that things turn out O.K.

Eric Heath, treasurer for the Federation and a Moreland official, turned out for his team on Saturday. Eric could not stop Croat winning 2-0.

Game of this week is the Juventus v Hellas clash at Olympic Park on Sunday. Predicted crowd — 15,000 — and that does not include the sea-gulls.

Tommy Trinder (real name Ernest Henry Gordon Thornton-Trinder), who played at centre-forward for George Cross last week, is in his tenth year with the club. Showed he could still make goals too.

Curtain-raiser at Olympic Park finish after this weekend. Thought that Dick the ground curator is doing a wonderful job and that the ground doesn't look too bad.

Soccer Weekly is reported to have attracted many hundreds of new readers solely for the Interstate Football Pool results.

Olympic Park Trustees Committee are hoping to have the lights arranged to floodlight the ground before the end of this year.

Stan Stacey of the Sporting Globe has arranged to take Sunday morning only telephone calls on 51-3852. State Leaguers are asked to get in touch.

Some bright spark noticed that eight goals scored at Olympic Park last Sunday were all scored at the river end. This person should know, as he let in two of them!

Sixteen team members of the Sunday International Soccer Football Association presented their chairman, Dr Charles Walker (Polonia), with a silver tray trophy for his efforts of running the international competition from 1953 to 1961.

Metropolitan clubs are reminded to phone Soccer Weekly news items to XF6139 every Saturday between 6.30 and 10 p.m.

Leo Pellegrini, vice-president of Juventus, has left by air on a round-the-world trip. Leo's main purpose is to study latest trends in the catering business. His wife, Betty, is accompanying him. This will be her first overseas trip. Leo will be looking at a few soccer prospects when in Europe.

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# PICK OF THE POST

# REFEREES' CORNER

SIR.—I would like to reply to a comment made in Soccer Weekly by Mr Morrie Buckner in regard to Maccabi Soccer Club.

Firstly, Mr Buckner should know that the Jewish Press is to inform the Jewish community of different affairs. I would like to correct him that Mr Alan Levy, the writer of the article in the Jewish Herald, did not see what he wrote, but Mr Levy is the captain of the Maccabi team and has been for the last four years. So this accusation against the Maccabi committee members came from a player.

I would like to protect my committee members, as I do always, and state that they are the best I have ever met. The reason I say this is because you will not find in any other committee or organisation a group of men (and the Maccabi committee consists of nine), all businessmen, who are prepared, at every meeting, to put their hands into their pockets, and pay all the necessary expenses of the club.

Do these people have to report to every game played by the club, or else the team loses? Will there be one person who says this is not ridiculous? Would this mean that the players on the field are looking around for their committee members to see that they are present, instead of concentrating on their game?

Some years back we had a star player in our team who was helped by many of our supporters, who collected money for him. Besides the help he got from the committee. What became of him? He left for Sydney without even saying "goodbye" to the club. The Maccabi committee is always ready to help its players, but they want to see them playing the game.

I could have replied to Mr Levy's comment, and as a matter of fact I had been asked to do so, but I did not want to anger our supporters, so I remained silent.

Therefore, I believe that my answer should be an answer to all those people who are not connected with the problems of those who run clubs. I'm sure that our players will wake up and realise that sport is not something you play for someone else's pleasure but for your own. Some of the players have already

taken this into consideration, and the results you see in the last few games they have played.

I would like to advise all those connected with the games played on Saturdays not to mention that Maccabi has given a veto for their reserve team, because we have withdrawn the reserve team from the competition and the blame of this mainly goes to those who have ruled that the reserve teams begin play at 1 p.m., as we find most of our players are not available at such an early time.

—S. RUBINSTEIN,  
(President, Maccabi Soccer Club),  
44 White Ave.,  
Nth Kew.

SIR.—It was interesting to read in Soccer Weekly of June 14 and under the heading "Know Your Soccer", the following words:

"It is not an offence for a player to be in an off-side position unless he is interfering with the play or with an opponent."

One wonders how long it will be before all Victorian referees are not merely cognisant of the ruling quoted but adhering strictly to it in making their decisions.

During the past few seasons I have, in the course of games played at Olympic Park, seen a number of referees disallow goals, usually described as beautiful, because of either their lack of knowledge or their inability to interpret the spirit of the ruling. If my memory serves me correctly, one such decision resulted in the type of demonstration on the part of spectators which is to be very much regretted on any football ground, let alone at the home of Victorian soccer, Olympic Park.

In fact, my own club, Brighton, has during the past two seasons had several perfectly legitimate goals disallowed, obviously because of the referee's interpretation of the ruling. One glaring example was an occasion when the outside-left, having received a nice short forward pass, ran in towards the centre of the pitch, beat two men, and with a beautifully placed right foot shot put the ball into the back of the net, with the goalkeeper wondering where it was.

One Brighton player was standing on the right-wing about four yards in

from the touch line. He was neither near the ball nor in a position to get anywhere near it, nor within yards of any opposition player. He was, however, ruled off-side and the goal disallowed.

This sort of decision, apart from the fact that it can either rob a team of victory or cause it a loss of points, is not only irritating to a club and its supporters but is neither in accordance with the spirit of the rule nor in the interests of the game and detracts considerably from everyone's enjoyment.

Those of us brought up in the tradition of playing to the whistle and never arguing with the referee realise that the referee's task is, on some occasions, far from enviable.

We realise also that the finest of referees are not infallible, but nevertheless believe that quite apart from other rules, no one should be allowed to function as a referee in league games unless he has a complete understanding and is able to interpret properly the most controversial rule in the game of soccer.

—G. J. BEAUREPAIRE,  
97 Linacre Rd.,  
Hampton.

SIR.—I would like to draw Mr John d'Andrea's attention to the fact that Juventus is not the only team playing soccer in State League, although one could almost be forgiven that thought listening to 3XY Soccer Roundup.

With all due respect to Mr d'Andrea's patriotism of his own team, I would have thought that the games George Cross (3rd) v. Hakoah (6th) and Wilhelmina (1st) v. Sth Melb-Hellas (6th) would have rated more coverage on this program than just reading the scores.

Glenn Millens tries hard to give everyone a go and on several occasions tried to divert Mr d'Andrea away from his long discourse about Juventus, but to little avail.

3XY Soccer Roundup is to be complimented on their resumes of minor league games, and it is hoped that Metropolitan club secretaries will continue their co-operation with 3XY in this regard.

—JOHN SLADE,  
(Alexander Soccer Club),  
Salisbury Gr.,  
Northcote.

SIR.—I would like space to reply to my old friend Mike Scicluna.

I am not worried about the fact that he tore strips off me in last week's Soccer Weekly, but I am worried about the possibility that, if Mike got the wrong impression of what I was trying to say on the radio, many other people may have received the same wrong impression. If that is so, then I am disturbed, and sorry.

I said that there were several unnecessary incidents in the George Cross-Polonia game, but I certainly did not infer that they were caused by one side only. I deliberately refrained from naming the players involved, because they were not dealt with by the referee, and the laws on libel and slander are not to be sneered at.

My mention of Jurecki was not in connection with roughness at all. I used his name to illustrate a different point entirely, the fact that a star player is a "marked man". I said that "he was flattened a dozen" times, sometimes legally, and sometimes illegally.

I did not say, as Mike suggests, that "each time Jurecki had the ball, four George Cross players played rough on him". I said that "on one occasion Jurecki was surrounded by four opponents".

The same thing has happened, of course, to Barbazza, Gibb, de Bruyckere, Margarites, and many other so-called "danger men".

I also said that George Cross' close marking, swift tackling and its refusal to give Polonia players free use of the ball was good tactics.

Apart from four incidents, it was an excellent match, and it was along these lines that I tried to give a fair account of what I saw. If I failed to do so clearly, I offer apologies not only to Mike, but to the George Cross players and supporters.

—MORRIS BUCKNER,  
St Kilda Rd.,  
Melbourne.

## TOM PARRY DIES IN QUEENSLAND

Tom Parry, one of Queensland's top soccer players of the late thirties, died in Brisbane recently. He was 49.

By J. DUNBAR

WHILE destructive criticism is an unprofitable and unwelcome occupation in any sphere of activity, nevertheless we, in the soccer world, welcome the opportunity to remind ourselves and each other periodically of the numerous little duties which we are obliged to perform, most of which are covered by the laws of the game, but frequently forgotten.

In this respect, over the next few weeks I should like to have a man to man talk with each of the groups of people, who, by their common efforts, are responsible for the progress of soccer in Victoria.

Let me start with you

Mr Club Secretary, not because you are more remiss than any of the others, but rather because, in my opinion, you are the most important of all officials; for on your broad shoulders rests the responsibility of ensuring the smooth-running efficiency of a well-organised club.

Apart from your clerical duties, which in themselves can be arduous, you must make sure, first of all, that adequate instructions are given to all concerned as to how to reach your home ground. It is not uncommon for a referee and the entire visiting team to get "lost" on the way to a ground.

It is your responsibility to see that the field of

play is accurately measured and properly marked in adequate time. All too often I have seen this task being completed while a referee was vainly attempting to get the game started on time.

The ball must be properly inflated, and so too must the spare ball. Spectators become aggravated by needless waste of time when a spare ball is required.

Team sheets must be given to the referee before the game starts. This is important, for many obvious reasons.

And when fixing goal nets, for goodness sake do not use those silly little pieces of wood. A proper set of steel pegs costs practically nothing, and will last you a lifetime.

See that your players—all eleven of them—are on the field on time, and that their boots are properly studded. There is no excuse for a player being sent off for faulty footwear.

Believe it or not, spectators' behavior is the secretary's responsibility. Of course, it's a tall order to expect you to control a sizeable crowd, but a well-chosen word from a responsible official can often work wonders.

And last, but by no means least, give the referee privacy. He has a difficult job—go out of your way to help him. He is constantly unfairly accused of partiality towards particular teams.

He does not expect elaborate arrangements from small struggling teams; indeed a small corner of the dressing room discreetly curtained off will suffice, and, believe me, it will be appreciated.

These are just a few of the duties which you have accepted as club secretary.

There are no medals for doing the job, but the manner in which you carry it out will reflect on your club, and on soccer generally. Good luck.

I hope soon to have a word or two to say to coaches and trainers.

## Would You Like To Be A Coach?

Here's an SOS for junior soccer. Secretary Don Joiner is looking for coaches for Noble Park Technical School boys. If you live in the Springvale area and you think you could help on a Saturday morning, please contact Mr Joiner at BM 5309 weekdays between 12 noon and 2 p.m.

# PICK OF THE POST (CONTINUED)

SIR.—Reading your article "Promotion—does it lift soccer?" I am compelled to use my voice against any attempt to cut the lifeline of soccer.

Are you aware that even Aussie footballers are going to adopt our system because their present system is getting stale and their followers are sick and tired of seeing for years and years the same club names?

I myself, attached to soccer for nearly 50 years in one way or another, have nowhere seen a competition in soccer without promotion or relegation and no club has a monopoly to remain in the highest or any division only because it was founded earlier than another. We can find it in England or any other country—clubs once famous and leading are now somewhere in a lower division.

The only fundamental mistake we are making here is that we let two teams change division instead of only one. Since our league consists of only 12 clubs let only the last be relegated and the first of the lower but really strong first division be promoted.

Therefore, drop the silly system of two first divisions, combine the six best clubs of each division to only one first division and you will see the champion of this first division will be an asset to the State League.

You can follow at least the last 10 years in our Victorian soccer and you will find how right I am

that only one club was always strong enough to compete favorably with the others.

—H. B. SCHUTZ,  
17 Charnwood Grove,  
St Kilda.

SIR.—"Know Your Game" published in Soccer Weekly, May 31, 1962. The writer, Mr Jim Cook, was wrong in stating that a kick-off should be retaken.

Law 8 states a goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-off, and for any infringement of this law kick-off should be retaken. That is right, but in this case the game should restart by goal kick, and not a kick-off again.

—MR Z. LAZARICH,  
11 Canterbury Rd.,  
Albert Park.

SIR.—Nearly every time I set out to see and enjoy what promises to be a good soccer match I leave with a feeling of disgust.

It seems to me that instead of scoring goals the prime object of some State League teams is to deliberately put the opponents out of action.

Latest example of this so-called soccer was a game between G. Cross and Polonia, a display of brutality, and organised hunting, where the hunted appeared to be Polonia's centre-forward M. Jurecki, constantly facing serious injuries.

Just who benefits from this? Certainly not the spectators, nor Victorian soccer in general.

—JOHN ZAMORA,  
Essex Rd.,  
Surrey Hills.

## SANDRINGHAM SOCCER DANCE

Sandringham City Soccer Club will hold a dance on Saturday, July 7, at 7.30 p.m., at Sandringham Memorial Hall, Waltham St, Sandringham (opp. Post Office).

Dancing will be to that great combination, Sny Chambers and his Bay-side Jazz Band, of down-beat fame.

There will be a liquor licence, so go along and give it good support.

## LIBERTAS DANCE

Libertas Soccer Club will hold a dance on Saturday, July 7, at the Mariana Hall, Sunshine, at 7.30 p.m. There will be a liquor licence and dancing will be to the well-known Mocamba Band.

## DANCE AT SOUTH YARRA

South Yarra Soccer Club will hold a dance on Saturday, June 30, in the Angliers' Hall, High St.

Prhran. Supper will be provided and refreshments are available. Donation of 10/-. All soccer fans welcome.

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# POOLS PUNTERS' CORNER

Here is a complete guide to all Australian Soccer Leagues for games played during June 16 and 17. Pools punters will find the tables an aid to their forecasts.

## NSW NORTH

Home	Goals	Away	Goals	P
Wentworth	10	1	10	12
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## NSW DIVISION 2

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## QUEENSLAND DIV 1

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## SOUTH AUST. DIV 1

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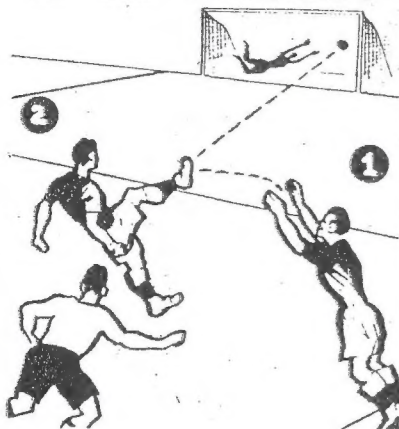




# JUVENTUS GOES INTO SMOKE

State League leaders Juventus is taking its match against Hellas at Olympic Park on Sunday very seriously — and rightly so. The team will have three training sessions this week, and tomorrow (Friday) the selected players will be taken to a secret hide-out 30 miles from Melbourne where they will be kept "in smoke" until Sunday morning.

## IS HE OFFSIDE?



Player No. 1 takes a throw-in and passes to player No. 2, who scores, only the goalkeeper was between player No. 2 and the goal line. Was he offside?

ANSWER: No. A player cannot be offside from a throw-in.

## KNOW YOUR SOCCER

The last in a series of articles by Jim Cook explaining the laws of the game in match style.

### SHOULD THE REF. HAVE GIVEN A PENALTY?

It's a hectic time in the City's penalty area. Here's a deadly scramble in front of goal... and one or two severe tackles. Suddenly there's a pugh and tumble over the ball. When the play is separate, Goodfellow, City's left-back, is lying injured.

He's carried off for treatment... and Goodfellow is anxiously straining to get back on the field.

He waits anxiously to catch the referee's eye. Suddenly the ball runs in the City's penalty area. In the excitement, Goodfellow imagines the ref. has seen him, runs on to the end and kicks the ball clear.

The ref. stops play! He has not given Goodfellow

the sign to tell him he can come back.

He cautions Goodfellow severely and orders a bounce-up in the penalty area at the spot where the back touched the ball. That's the maximum penalty for this offence—a caution and a bounce-up.

The ref. lets the ball drop, but just as he does, Goodfellow loses his temper and hits the United centre-forward. It's in the penalty area and the crowd are yelling for a penalty.

The ref. orders Goodfellow off the field. Then... what's this? He's not giving a penalty. He's giving another bounce-up. Was the ref. right? Or should he have given a penalty?

ANSWER: The ref. was right. Giving another or retaken bounce-up was the correct decision. The ball did not touch the ground, and, therefore, was not in play when the offence was committed.

## Soccer Weekly Team

Here is the Soccer Weekly team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players as nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel may select as many as three players from one match or none at all.

Players are chosen for their consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work. In fact, the all-round club player is the man that is worthy of a position in the Soccer Weekly team.

JANKOVIC (J.U.S.T. 7 pts)		
FALZON (George Cross 6 pts)	BUKKOS (Juventus 4 pts)	
GRIGGS (Juventus 6 pts)	MICIC (J.U.S.T. 7 pts)	GLENNE (Slavia 6 pts)
MARGARITES (Hellas 5 pts)	VILLERS (Hakoah 6 pts)	
THOMAS (Hakoah 4 pts)	JURECKI (Polonia 6 pts)	BEERENDONK (Wilhelmina 7 pts)

Other players who have scored points:—  
Cook, Berry, Haasz (Slavia), Burns, Whyman, Richmond (Moreland), Morth, Voigt (Lions), Ruzmir, Rice (J.U.S.T.), Acunzo, Kenny, Frangioni, Barbazza (Juventus), McKenna, Gibb, Muscat (George Cross), Granowski, Szygalski, Dudas, Sklarek (Polonia), Kourkoulakis, Papadopoulos, Karpouzas (Hellas), Becsi (Melbourne), Slivar, Rau, Djukic (Croat), Viuegals, Van Altana, Mathysen, De Bruyckere (Wilhelmina), McQuillan, Mannering, Adams, Alexander, Haynes. (Hakoah).

# JURECKI WILL STAY IN VICTORIA

Victoria's best centre-forward, Mike Jurecki, of Polonia, has received an offer of £1500 plus £25 for every game... but Mike has stuck to his Polonia friends and refused the offer.

The offer was made to Mike shortly after an interstate game between Victoria and NSW, by a leading NSW side.

Jurecki has played in every Victorian State team since his arrival and won The Sporting Globe best player award last season.

All local soccer followers will be pleased to know that Jurecki said "No".

His loyalty to his club came first. Polonia instigated his

migration to Australia on a two-year contract to the Polish club. This contract expires at the end of this month.

The large sum of money was offered to Jurecki for his personal expenses, the NSW interests would have had to pay extra expenses to Polonia for his transfer.

The transfer figure would have created a record for Victoria.

You don't have to be Polish to say... we're glad you stayed Mike!

## J.U.S.T. joins Misery League

J.U.S.T. has joined the Misery League, the group of clubs affected by injuries to key players. Star centre-forward Alex Yagodic arrived here with three other class players six weeks ago. He pulled a leg muscle in training and was not seen in public until J.U.S.T. met Lions last Saturday. Within 10 minutes, he had scored a clever goal with a header, had tested Voigt twice more with sharp shots, and had left the field with a pulled muscle in the other leg! Now J.U.S.T. is once again left without a competent spearhead.

After being out of competition games for seven weeks with a broken wrist, Frank Barbazza scored five goals against Melbourne. Makes us wonder how many

goals he would have scored if he'd had a bit of match practice.

## ROMEL TO FLY IN

Croat are taking no chances for their game with J.U.S.T. at Elsternwick Park next Saturday. They're flying in right-half Romel Bomahac from Darwin for the big game.

Romel played for Croatia in the Ampol Cup competition, then went to England and is now working in Darwin.

Treasurer Harry Mrksa told Soccer Weekly yesterday: "If it's wet it will help Croatia win this important game."

We hear all 11 Croats and supporters are praying for Elsternwick Park "in the wet" next Saturday.

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## BIG FOUR MEET

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The same can be said for Wilhelmina as has been said for Hellas — if the Dutchmen play as well against George Cross as they did against the Greeks last week, they should win.

There is little to choose between the half-back and full-back lines of these two teams. Muscat, Falzon, Sacco, McKenna and Joe Falzon are just as effective as van Alphen, Mathysen, Brouwer, Godthelp and Stobbe.

So the key to the winner seems to lie in the relative merits of the two forward lines, and Wilhelmina looks stronger than George Cross in this department.

If this reasoning is correct, and Hellas and Wilhelmina win, Wilhelmina will go back to the top of the State League ladder.

LEXI'S TWO BEST FRIENDS

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